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TITLE OF INVENTION: ELECTRIC MACHINE

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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|  | LEDA PHAM  | 2834   |
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|  | /Quyen Leui<br>Supervisory F   | ng/<br>Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2834  |

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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

## Response to Amendment

1. This Office action is in response to amendment filed on 03/28/11. Regarding the amendment, claims 1-17 are cancelled, claims 18-37 are present for examination.

## Allowable Subject Matter

- 2. Claims 18-37 are allowed.
- 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the record of prior art by itself or in combination with other references does not show an electric machine having a stator with a plurality of stator teeth, a rotor with a plurality of permanent magnets each embedded in a magnet retainer, wherein the end surfaces of the tooth shoe adjacent to the rotor are constructed as flat and tangential to the circumferential surface of the rotor, the permanent magnet protrudes into the material recesses at least with its axial edges adjacent to the peripheral surface of the rotor so that the permanent magnet is wider in the circumferential direction than its appurtenant pole shoe neck of the rotor and abuts against the pole shoe of the rotor with a partial width of its external surface as recited in claim 18 and 28, or the electric machine having a stator with a plurality of stator teeth, a rotor with a plurality of permanent magnets each embedded in a magnet retainer, wherein the end surfaces of the tooth shoe adjacent to the rotor are constructed as flat and tangential to the circumferential surface of the rotor, the permanent magnet has an axial edge extending in axial direction that each material recess extends axially inside the rotor laterally in a circumferential

direction of the rotor such that the axial edges of the magnet protrude into the material recesses as recited in claim 29.

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# Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, see Remark, filed 03/28/11, with respect to claim 18 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of the last office action has been withdrawn.

### Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEDA PHAM whose telephone number is (571)272-5806. The examiner can normally be reached on Normally M-F (8:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Quyen P. Leung can be reached on 571-272-8188. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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